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Docket No.: C013929/0110035

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of: )  
Catia BASTIOLI *et al.* ) Examiner: U. K. Rajguru  
Serial No.: 09/297,733 ) Art Unit: 1711  
Filed: May 5, 1999 )  
For: **BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERIC** )  
**COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING** )  
**STARCH AND A THERMOPLASTIC** )  
**POLYMER** )

August 22, 2005

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, INCLUDING**  
**AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. This response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 22, 2005, because August 21, 2005 fell on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136. A check payable to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the amount of \$60.00 (small entity) to cover the fee for the extension of time is enclosed. 37 CFR § 1.17.

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A duplicate copy of this page 2 is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 5 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 9 of this paper.